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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJ: STATE OF PLAY IN SALISBURY

1. HAROLD HAWKINS GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE  
STATE OF PLAY IN SALISBURY TONIGHT.

A. SMITH THIS MORNING ACHIEVED FULL CONSENSUS OF  
HIS CABINET FOR FIVE-POINT PROGRAM.

B. THIS AFTERNOON SMITH MET WITH WAR COUNCIL  
(MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER, SERVICE CHIEFS  
AND DIRGEN OF CIO) IN ORDER TO GET THE MILITARY HIGH  
COMMAND ON BOARD. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED. BRIEFING OF  
SENIOR OFFICERS AND OFFICER CORPS DOWN THE LINE STARTS  
TOMORROW.

C. SMITH MEETS WITH EXPANDED PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS  
TOMORROW MORNING. SESSION IS LIKELY TO RUN OVER INTO  
FRIDAY. HAWKINS SAID THIS GROUP REPRESENTS BIGGEST  
HURDLE BUT HE IS CONFIDENT SMITH WILL OBTAIN THEIR  
SUPPORT.

D. FRIDAY AFTERNOON SMITH WILL CALL IN SENIOR  
CIVIL SERVANTS AND BRIEF THEM.

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E. FRIDAY NIGHT SMITH WILL ADDRESS THE NATION.

2. HAWKINS REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THERE WILL BE NO TAMPERING WITH LANGUAGE OF FIVE POINTS, NO QUALIFIERS OR COMMENTARIES THAT WOULD CAST DOUBT ON THE SETTLEMENT AND NO "TRICKERY" IN SMITH'S INTENTIONS. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF STRICTEST ADHERENCE TO ALL UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED.

3. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE MEETING WITH KEN FLOWER PARA 2E OF PRETORIA 4309) HAWKINS SAID PURPOSE IS TO GIVE BRAND FOURIE AND HOPEFULLY BRITISH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE SENSE OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN SALISBURY AND PROBLEMS RHODESIANS FORESEE IN IMPLEMENTING CEASE FIRE. I TOLD HIM I WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. HE REITERATED HOPE U.S. WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN EARLIEST POSSIBLE DE-ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE AND PERSUADE NKOMO NOT TO RETURN TO RHODESIA UNTIL LATE SATURDAY OR EARLY SUNDAY. (PRETORIA 4299 AND 4309).  
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